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**COMMUNICATION REGARDING WITHDRAWN CLAIMS 48-55**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of January 19, 2005 (which although indicating it was in response to the communication filed October 11, 2004, responded to the communication filed November 10, 2004), it is respectfully requested that Claims 48-55, which have been withdrawn by the Examiner, be reinstated and allowed for the following reasons.

The allowance of claims 41-47 is noted with appreciation, with claim 41 being the only independent generic claim in the pending application. As discussed during the telephone conversation with Examiner Lenard A. Footland on February 2, 2005, claims 48-55, as previously amended and/or presented, depend either directly or indirectly from independent claim 41. As claims 48-55 directly or indirectly depend upon allowed generic claim 41, it is respectfully submitted that claims 48-55 are allowable in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.141(a).

In the telephone conversation with Examiner Footland, it was agreed that upon filing this communication, all of pending claims 41-55 would be allowed.

It is respectfully submitted that this case is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited. The undersigned is available for consultation during normal business hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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